

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

\*\*\*\*\* 333.17001 THIS SECTION IS AMENDED EFFECTIVE MARCH 22, 2017: See 333.17001.amended  
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**333.17001 Definitions; principles of construction.**

Sec. 17001. (1) As used in this part:

(a) "Academic institution" means either of the following:

(i) A medical school approved by the board.

(ii) A hospital licensed under article 17 that meets all of the following requirements:

(A) Was the sole sponsor or a co-sponsor, if each other co-sponsor is either a medical school approved by the board or a hospital owned by the federal government and directly operated by the United States department of veterans' affairs, of not less than 4 postgraduate education residency programs approved by the board under section 17031(1) for not less than the 3 years immediately preceding the date of an application for a limited license under section 16182(2)(c) or an application for a full license under section 17031(2), provided that at least 1 of the residency programs is in the specialty area of medical practice, or in a specialty area that includes the subspecialty of medical practice, in which the applicant for a limited license proposes to practice or in which the applicant for a full license has practiced for the hospital.

(B) Has spent not less than \$2,000,000.00 for medical education during each of the 3 years immediately preceding the date of an application for a limited license under section 16182(2)(c) or an application for a full license under section 17031(2). As used in this subparagraph, "medical education" means the education of physicians and candidates for degrees or licenses to become physicians, including, but not limited to, physician staff, residents, interns, and medical students.

(b) "Electrodiagnostic studies" means the testing of neuromuscular functions utilizing nerve conduction tests and needle electromyography. It does not include the use of surface electromyography.

(c) "Medical care services" means those services within the scope of practice of physicians licensed by the board, except those services that the board determines shall not be delegated by a physician without endangering the health and safety of patients as provided for in section 17048(3).

(d) "Physician" means an individual licensed under this article to engage in the practice of medicine.

(e) "Podiatrist" means an individual licensed under this article to engage in the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery.

(f) "Practice of medicine" means the diagnosis, treatment, prevention, cure, or relieving of a human disease, ailment, defect, complaint, or other physical or mental condition, by attendance, advice, device, diagnostic test, or other means, or offering, undertaking, attempting to do, or holding oneself out as able to do, any of these acts.

(g) "Practice as a physician's assistant" means the practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery performed under the supervision of a physician or podiatrist licensed under this article.

(h) "Supervision" means that term as defined in section 16109, except that it also includes the existence of a predetermined plan for emergency situations, including, but not limited to, the designation of a physician to supervise a physician's assistant in the absence of the primary supervising physician.

(i) "Task force" means the joint task force created in section 17025.

(2) In addition to the definitions in this part, article 1 contains definitions and principles of construction applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains definitions applicable to this part.

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**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties of certain health-related functions, boards, and commissions from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-9, compiled at MCL 338.3501 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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